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JOHN W. TURNER

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monday, March 10, 2008
Town Hall – Meeting Hall

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Laurie Burstein, Peter Charter, Ann Harford, A. Leo Miller,
James Prichard, Michael Stupinski and John Turner

OTHERS PRESENT: Robert Dawson, Russell & Dawson Architecture &
Engineering; Peter Hany, EVAC President; Terry Shook,
Ray Close and other EVAC members; Nicholas DiCorleto,
Finance Officer; Jim Gage, Conservation Commission/
Northern Connecticut Land Trust; Max Bakke, Journal
Inquirer

I. CALL TO ORDER:

First Selectman Stupinski called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen (BOS) to order
at 7:30 p.m.

II. CITIZENS' FORUM:

No one came forward to speak.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. February 4, 2008 Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting

MOVED (CHARTER), SECONDED (TURNER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO
APPROVE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF
FEBRUARY 4, 2008.

B. February 25, 2008: Board of Selectmen Budget Meeting:

MOVED (CHARTER), SECONDED (MILLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO
APPROVE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN BUDGET MEETING MINUTES OF
FEBRUARY 25, 2008.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD)

The BOS reviewed the POCD draft and will forward the following recommendations to
the Planning & Zoning Commission:

- Consider an open space provision for apartments and/or reduce density from 5
units per acre to 4 units per acre.
- Consider stricter lighting control

Mr. Stupinski reminded the BOS that the Public Hearing for the POCD will be held on March 27, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall Annex.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

The BOS went out of agenda sequence to item F.

F. Resolution to Enter into Agreement with State DOT re: Matching Grant Program for Elderly/Disabled Demand Responsive Transportation

MOVED (CHARTER), SECONDED (MILLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE FIRST SELECTMAN, MICHAEL P. STUPINSKI, IS AUTHORIZED TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY AGREEMENT/CONTRACTS ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF ELLINGTON WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

MOVED (CHARTER), SECONDED (MILLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN OF ELLINGTON HEREBY ADOPTS AS ITS POLICY TO SUPPORT THE NONDISCRIMINATION AGREEMENTS AND WARRANTIES REQUIRED UNDER CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATE STATUTE 4a-60(a)(1) AND GENERAL STATE STATUTE 4a-60a(a)(1), AS AMENDED IN STATE OF CONNECTICUT PUBLIC ACT 07-245 AND SECTIONS 9(a)(1) AND 10(a)(1) OF PUBLIC ACT 07-142, AS THOSE STATUTES MAY BE AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME.

A. Tax Refunds/Abatements:

MOVED (CHARTER), SECONDED (HARFORD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE TAX REFUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,768.47, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR AND AS SPECIFIED IN THE REFUNDS/ABATEMENT STATEMENT. **(ATTACHED)**

B. Set Public Hearing for Crystal Lake Regatta:

MOVED (CHARTER), SECONDED (HARFORD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2008 AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE CRYSTAL LAKE SCHOOL FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING CITIZENS TO COMMENT UPON THE APPLICATION OF THE CRYSTAL LAKE SAILING CLUB FOR A REGATTA PERMIT.

C. Partner with Land Trust – Open Space Purchase:

Mr. Stupinski distributed a site location map, noting the 58 acre parcel abuts the Nye Holman State Forest on Tolland Turnpike. He stated that the Town will partner with the Northern Connecticut Land Trust with assistance from the State to purchase this property. The BOS questioned who will manage the property. Jim Gage stated that the Land Trust will provide stewardship. If the Town would like to be involved with maintenance or trail building, he suggested the Conservation Commission be the point of contact.

MOVED (CHARTER), SECONDED (MILLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY THAT THE TOWN OF ELLINGTON ENTER INTO A PARTNERSHIP WITH NORTHERN CONNECTICUT LAND TRUST (NCLT) FOR THE PROTECTION OF OPEN SPACE RELATING TO THE PURCHASE OF THE MOSELEY PROPERTY, A 58 ACRE PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN ELLINGTON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$185,000; 50% OF THE PROPERTY COST, AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO \$92,500, SHALL BE FUNDED THROUGH A STATE GRANT; BOTH THE TOWN AND NCLT SHALL CONTRIBUTE 25%, AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO \$46,250 EACH. THE TOWN'S FUNDING WILL COME FROM THE OPEN SPACE FUND ACCOUNT, PENDING BOARD OF FINANCE AND TOWN MEETING APPROVAL.

D. Ambulance Corps Building Addition

Mr. Dawson came forward to review the proposed 2-bay, 2,200 sq. ft. addition to the rear of the Ambulance facility. The addition will include 500 sq. ft. loft storage, a large conference room, sleeping quarters and unisex handicap-accessible bathroom. The former conference room will be converted to office space. In addition, the North Central District Health Department has recommended that they hook up to the sewer, pumping to the manhole at the High School.

Mr. Hany reviewed the need for the extra space. He stated that the bays will house the ambulance and the Suburban utility vehicle. There will be an extra bay which could be used for a retired ambulance or other Town vehicle. The sleeping quarters will allow for volunteers to respond to calls from the Ambulance facility and cut down on response times. Mr. Hany stated that the cost of the addition is estimated at \$300,000 to \$350,000, depending on the charge to hook up to the sewer. He stated that EVAC will pay for the addition through their Charging Fund.

There was some discussion on whether or not this project qualifies as a Charging Fund expenditure. It was noted that the Charging Fund Agreement is being revised regarding the use of the funds.

Mr. Miller questioned how this proposal fits in with the Emergency Services Committee Town-wide strategic plan. Mr. Turner stated that the Committee is several months away from finalizing a plan. He noted that the Committee has not seen EVAC's needs, goals or plans and expressed concern with upgrading a building now which may have joint use in the future. Mr. Hany stated that EVAC is committed to the Rescue Post 512 and staying in their existing location.

Mr. Charter was opposed to paying for the project through the Charging Fund. He suggested tabling this item until the BOS receives a report from the Emergency Services Committee. Mr. Hany stated that EVAC has been working on this project for some time and this is a good time, economically, to bid the project.

Mr. Miller recommended that the BOS contact the Superintendent of Schools regarding connecting to the sewer manhole at the High School.

Mr. Close stated that the current facility is too small and there is a definite need to expand. He sees no reason to delay the project as it will provide more resources and improves, not limits, the options for the Emergency Services Committee.

Mr. Stupinski would like to consider this request at the next meeting, noting that they may have a resolution on use of the Charging Fund. In addition, he will ask the Emergency Services Committee to focus on whether or not this plan is detrimental to their long-range expected outlook and if it is harmful organizationally, or to the level of services down the road. He will also ask them if services will be negatively affected by waiting.

Mr. Shook stated that the addition will benefit all emergency services. The additional space can be easily converted to meet the needs determined by the Emergency Service Committee. He felt waiting to move forward with this proposal will impact services in the area of response times. Mr. Shook noted that this plan improves a Town building at no cost to the taxpayers.

Action on this item was deferred to the April 7, 2008 meeting.

E. Housing Authority – Waive Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT):

Mr. Stupinski stated that the Housing Authority continues to have difficulty paying the PILOT payment from their operating budget as they are unable to charge tenants at a level necessary to cover all their expenses. In February 2006, the BOS waived the payment in lieu of taxes for Fiscal Year 2004-2005 in the amount of \$8,888.51. The PILOT payment has not been paid since and the Housing Authority has requested the BOS waive the payment for subsequent years to present.

MOVED (CHARTER), SECONDED (MILLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO WAIVE THE PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL YEARS 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09.

G. BOE Representative to Shared Services Commission:

MOVED (CHARTER), SECONDED (BURSTEIN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO REAPPOINT DALE ROBERSON, AS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVE, TO THE SHARED SERVICES COMMISSION TO NOVEMBER 3, 2009, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

H. BOF Representative to Shared Services Commission:

MOVED (CHARTER), SECONDED (HARFORD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO REAPPOINT JOSEPH WEHR, AS THE BOARD OF FINANCE REPRESENTATIVE, TO THE SHARED SERVICES COMMISSION TO DECEMBER 7, 2009, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE.

I. BOS Representative to Shared Services Commission

MOVED (MILLER), SECONDED (PRICHARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO REAPPOINT ANN HARFORD, AS THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPRESENTATIVE, TO THE SHARED SERVICES COMMISSION TO DECEMBER 7, 2009.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: So noted, except for item P. as follows:

P. Ellington Volunteer Fire Department (EVFD)

Mr. Turner stated that the EVFD has begun issuing monthly reports regarding their response, incident and operational activities. He urged anyone with questions to contact Chief Varney or himself.

VII. SELECTMEN COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Personnel Committee:

1. Resignations:

MOVED (CHARTER), SECONDED (MILLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF LYNDA WHITE FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.

2. Appointments:

MOVED (CHARTER), SECONDED (MILLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT MICHAEL CONTAKIS TO THE BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE 2008-09 BUDGET SEASON.

MOVED (CHARTER), SECONDED (MILLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT SUSANNE HANNIGAN TO THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION TO FILL A VACANT TERM TO JANUARY 31, 2012.

MOVED (CHARTER), SECONDED (MILLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO REAPPOINT DAVID HURLEY TO THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM TO MARCH 31, 2012.

MOVED (CHARTER), SECONDED (MILLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO REAPPOINT DENNIS MILANOVICH AND CLAYTON BANNOCK TO THE SHARED SERVICES COMMISSION FOR THREE-YEAR TERMS TO MARCH 31, 2011.

B. Personnel Policies Committee

Mr. Stupinski reported that the Personnel Policies Committee met tonight to consider an Employee Training and Development Policy. The Committee anticipates presenting the policy to the full board at the April 7, 2008 meeting.

C. Other: None.

VIII. SELECTMEN LIAISON REPORTS:

Ms. Harford reported that the Shared Services Commission recently reviewed the profile of the Information Technology Department for the Board of Education. They will review the Town's side at the next meeting.

Ms. Burstein reported that as a temporary solution to the space needs for the Human Services Department, the office of the Elderly Outreach Caseworker will be moved to the Senior Center.

IX. FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT:

Mr. Stupinski made the following reports:

- The new Ethics Commission held their first meeting last week. They will begin work on drafting a Code of Ethics.
- Moser Pilon Nelson Architects submitted the final draft of the Pinney House Report to the Permanent Building Committee. The STEAP grant (\$500,000) will make the building safe, additional money will be required to make the building useable and/or make a pure historic preservation. Mr. Stupinski noted that there is a lot of uncertainty. Mr. Turner suggested that the BOS hold a Public Hearing to educate the public on the financial aspects of this project.

X. CORRESPONDENCE: None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED (CHARTER), SECONDED (MILLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO
ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AT 10:02 P.M.

Submitted by

Marie Sauve
Marie Sauve

Approved by

Michael P. Stupinski
Michael P. Stupinski

TAX COLLECTOR'S REFUNDS/ABATEMENTS					V-A	
	MARCH 2008					
	PERSON/CORPORATION	IM/PERS.PROP				
	REFUNDS	REAL ESTATE	YEAR	TAX/ASSESSOR	REASON FOR	
DOLLAR AMOUNT						
\$357.83	BULLOCK, TINA MICHELLE & COREY	REAL ESTATE	06	TAX OFFICE	DUPLICATE PAYMENT	
\$2,421.83	COUNTRYWIDE (for William E Chase)	REAL ESTATE	06	TAX OFFICE	DUPLICATE PAYMENT	
\$2,384.10	COUNTRYWIDE (for Kenneth M West)	REAL ESTATE	06	TAX OFFICE	DUPLICATE PAYMENT	
\$1,865.56	COUNTRYWIDE (for Timothy L & Pamela M Whiting, Jr.)	REAL ESTATE	06	TAX OFFICE	DUPLICATE PAYMENT	
\$250.09	DONLEN TRUST	MOTOR VEHICLE	06	ASSESSOR	VEHICLE SOLD	
\$2,672.22	FIRST AMERICAN (for Davis S & Carol Baker)	REAL ESTATE	06	TAX OFFICE	DUPLICATE PAYMENT	
\$1,774.17	FIRST AMERICAN (for Timothy S & Heidi K Doyle)	REAL ESTATE	06	TAX OFFICE	DUPLICATE PAYMENT	
\$2,511.87	FIRST AMERICAN (for Allen & Dianna Fiergola)	REAL ESTATE	06	TAX OFFICE	DUPLICATE PAYMENT	
\$1,889.93	FIRST AMERICAN (for Samuel M & Priscilla Turkson)	REAL ESTATE	06	TAX OFFICE	DUPLICATE PAYMENT	
\$147.00	LANDAMERICA (for Steven A Leach)	REAL ESTATE	06	ASSESSOR	APPLIED VETERAN EXEMPTION	
\$57.19	LANDRY, RONALD G	MOTOR VEHICLE	06	ASSESSOR	VEHICLE SOLD	
\$794.17	MIDLAND MORTGAGE (for George W Nickerson)	REAL ESTATE	06	TAX OFFICE	OVERPAYMENT	
\$879.79	NEW ALLIANCE BANK (for Kim F Flannery)	REAL ESTATE	06	TAX OFFICE	OVERPAYMENT	
\$6.27	REESE, GREGORY M	MOTOR VEHICLE	06	ASSESSOR	REG IN GA	
\$7.17	SANTIAGO, GLORIA YVETTE	MOTOR VEHICLE	06	TAX OFFICE	OVERPAYMENT	
\$342.27	SYKES, DANA	MOTOR VEHICLE	06	TAX OFFICE	DUP PYMT/APPLY TO VISA CARD	
\$47.50	THACKERAY, JEFFREY & SUSAN	REFUSE	06	TAX OFFICE	ADJUSTMENT	
\$10.00	TOMASEK, FRANCIS J	REAL ESTATE	06	TAX OFFICE	OVERPAYMENT	
\$32.20	VOGEL, ALAN F	MOTOR VEHICLE	06	ASSESSOR	VEHICLE SOLD	
\$1,100.42	WELLS FARGO (for Christine H Brunelle)	REAL ESTATE	06	TAX OFFICE	OVERPAYMENT	
\$357.34	WELLS FARGO (for Kaitayil Lal V & Lal Mini)	REAL ESTATE	06	TAX OFFICE	DUPLICATE PAYMENT	
\$1,859.55	WILLIS, DWIGHT E	REAL ESTATE	06	TAX OFFICE	DUPLICATE PAYMENT	
\$21,768.47	MARCH REFUND TOTAL					
	ABATEMENTS					
	MARCH ABATEMENT TOTAL					
\$21,768.47	MARCH 2008 REFUND AND ABATEMENT TOTAL					
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